



# PEACE! NOW!



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# Welcome to Fat City

by Millie Haas

7 a.m. Too cold to be awake but warmed by commitment. The others on the bus seemed groggy but tense with excitement. Thoughts of national guardsmen's rifle butts coming at our heads — thoughts that Nixon may change his mind — thoughts of violence — thoughts of peace.

Welcome to Fat City. Blankets, army jackets, boots, moccasins, discarded clothing of another war, babies strapped to backs, banners, bands, and buttons.

Moving toward the mall with the quietly happy crowd to wait for the march to begin. Cold, but warm.

A former mousketeer bugling on top of a traffic light. Mickey Mouse/Tricky Dick/Mickey Mouse/Spiro Agnew.

A short speech by McCarthy ... Come clean for Gene ... I still love you.

Physicists for peace ... Mothers for Peace ... Chemists for Peace ... Veterans for

Peace ... Nixon's face: is it worth saving?

People in trees serving as lookouts. No movement yet. Impatience. People jumping to keep warm. American flags with peace symbols over the stars. Button sellers, donation seekers, a \$100,000 debt — pay for peace. Scrubbed shining faces. Beards. Whatdowantpeace-whendowantitnow. Impudent snobs for peace.

Sunshine creeping above the buildings beginning to warm us.

Instructions for action. We move to the street. Here I come ... please look Mr. Nixon ... someone ... All we are saying is give peace a chance.

Cold buildings, empty windows. A good day for watching football.

Sidewalks thick with marshalls unnecessarily encouraging the exuberant crowd ... 47 busloads from Michigan State ...

A man and two children from Arlington ... middle aged matrons from Brooklyn ... People walking arm in arm for warmth

... friendly policemen ... Santa Claus jollity ... Fingers for peace.

Peacenow/peacenow/peacenow/peacenow ...

Cold. Should have worn two pairs of socks. Red noses. People sniffing. Exchanging smiles. Traffic lights blinking.

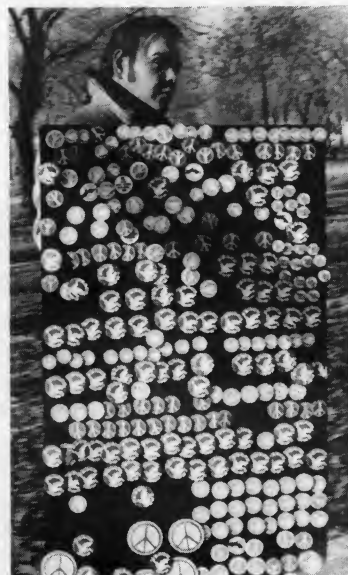
Mickey Mouse wears a Spiro T. Agnew wristwatch.

Peacenow / peacenow / peacenow / peacenow - echoing from cold, unresponsive buildings. Are you there, Mr. President? A good day for watching football.

The Monument in sight. God, all the people. Bodies for peace converge, collapsing on the cold ground. A good kind of exhaustion. Numb, but happy. God all the people. Speeches, songs, McGovern, Arlo Guthrie, Richie Havens, Coretta King. Voices from nowhere going to nowhere. Familiar words. Nobody listening.

Whatdowantpeacewhendowantitnow.

A good day for watching football.



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# "Lights on, Brother"

by Touzalonis

"I cannot allow policy to be decided by people in the streets," said George the Third.

"Government must be derived from the consent of the governed, I must take the issue to the people," said Clean Gene, standing in the show.

And the people went to New Hampshire, to Wisconsin, to Indiana, to Oregon, and to California.

"Look at that blocked conversation kick, Thelma!" yelled the President.

Chicago was in the streets, but what did that decide?

"And that was all the fault of the news media," said Spiro, "they prodded the people to violence."

"Clipping! Did you see that, Thelma?" screamed the President. And Julius Hoffman agreed. First down.

"Spiro Agnew couldn't be as dumb as he sounds," said Dick Gregory, "because if he were, he couldn't chew gum and walk at the same time."

"Chewing gum is only for effete snobs," said Spiro, but he fell flat on his face anyway.

"Let's go to the Justice Department and see if it's at home," said Dave Dellinger.

It wasn't, but Mitchell was, and he got some of the gas.

"Personal foul!" cried the President.

"Will all of those on 4th Street please get out of the street. The march must start. The anonymous voice, amplified.

"I don't think it is the right of the President to say who is American and who isn't," said Clean Gene, but he wasn't clean

anymore.

"Will you please clear 4th Street! You're holding up the march."

"Delay of game," said the President, "five yards."

First down and 100 yards to go.

Down Pennsylvania Avenue, marchers shooting the peace sign instead of the finger. Cops shooting the peace sign instead of the marchers.

"Let's go to the White House," said the Viet Cong flag.

"No," said the marshals, "turn left, turn left."

A barricade of buses - no troops, just buses.

"Interference!" yelled the President. But was it offensive or defensive? "I'll never tell," said Thelma. But the President called halftime when he figured it out.

And for your halftime entertainment, we have Arlo Guthrie; Peter, Paul, and Mary; Richie Havens; and four members of the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra playing a Beethoven string quartet.

"Sit down. Sit down. When you stand up, the people in back of you must stand up. Sit down. Sit down," said Peter Yarrow.

"Peace, brothers and sisters, and all my children," said Dr. Spock.

"It's the kick-off. The Red, White, and Blue team has elected to receive," said the President.

"There were 250,000 people there," said Police Chief Jerry Wilson.

"We have just been told that TV station has announced that there are a million and a half of you here," said Peter Yarrow.

"I knew we'd never give up the ball. Did you see that onside kick, Thelma?"

"I don't understand who's winning," said Thelma.

"Truth," said Spiro, "and truth is the silent majority."

And the marchers against death, who had just come from Arlington cemetery, where the silent majority slept, could only agree with him.

"There was such extensive damage to property and great personal injury that the march could not be called peaceful," said Attorney General Mitchell.

"That is not even true enough to answer," said Mayor Daley.

"We have lost many window panes, a fact which grieves us sorely," said Mayor Washington. "Offsides. Five yards!" said the President.

"Let's see if it was offsides, or if he was led offsides," said the commentator.

"The Vice President is part of a team, and he knows that," said Hubert Horatio Humphrey.

"I don't understand this game, Dickie," said Thelma, "every-one is just going backwards with all these penalties. Who is winning?"

"You mean who won?" said the President. "The game is over."

"And just in time for Lawrence Welk," said Thelma. "It's almost 8:30."

Vice President Agnew, who was looking out of the White House window, turned majestically and said: "Look, Mr. President, all the people have their lights on for peace. You've won."

## editorial

# No cause for hope

It is heartening that Susi Taylor and other campus anti-war organizers can return from the D. C. peace march feeling that the Vietnam Moratorium is somewhat effective. For first-time participants in the movement, the March Against Death and Saturday's mass march were indeed valuable personal experiences. Perhaps the extensive contact with huge numbers of anti-war marchers provided the stimulation for the Moratorium's December activities.

But by almost any other criterion, an assessment of the weekend marches is disillusioning.

It was the largest political gathering of its kind in history, yet network television gave it five minutes on the evening news, with equal time devoted to counter-demonstrations a fraction of its size. Instead of challenging Agnew's request for more favorable commentary on Administration policy, the T V networks complied. The press grossly underestimated the number of participants and focused on the relatively small embassy and Justice Department incidents.

Moratorium and New Mobe leaders did everything in their power to insure peaceful demonstrations, yet they are blamed for the incidents that inevitably occurred. The gathering was overwhelmingly peaceful, yet Attorney General Mitchell insists on deceiving the American public with talk of violence.

President Nixon asked for unity, but acted to promote polarization. He pointedly ignored the marches, peaceful and massive through they were. His comment about "a good day to watch football" was calculated to inflame the dissenters. In short, the Nixon Administration has made every attempt to discredit and distort the anti-war activities. The message is unmistakable: peaceful demonstrations, no matter how large, will do nothing to bring an end to the war.

Perhaps, then, even though the march did little to alter public opinion, it did have important effects on participants. Rather than encouraging nonviolence, Nixon has contributed to the radicalization of the moderate collegemarchers. They saw that marching is futile. They saw D. C. policemen unleashing waves upon waves of teargas to trap Justice Department demonstration. They saw the news media ignore or distort the event. They saw an unresponsive and antagonistic President effectively under cutting them.

Few at the Saturday rally were willing to participate in confrontations like the one at the Justice Department. The coming months may see the ranks swelling.

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## feedback

### Friend of Iote Lt. Yates urges war protest support

Dear Editor:

I am writing to thank all of you from Mary Washington who wrote to my good friend Lt. Dave Yates. Dave really enjoyed hearing news from home and your letters cheered him up when he was down. I am sure he would have liked to have thanked you himself, but he was killed in action on July 13 and received the silver star for the action that took his life.

Needless to say, I am very bitter over his death, and all the medals in the world do not lessen the sting or the loss for anyone, least of all his friends or his parents.

I am writing for more than to just thank you. I am writing to you to urge you to oppose the war in Viet Nam in the behalf of the many brave men who were forced to participate in it against their will and who in the bargain, lost their lives.

Women of Mary Washington, do not be misled by the President or anyone else, when history turns its page on us it will say that the silent passive "majority" of the American people wanted war more than peace and were willing to trade the lives of their sons and young men for it.

I urge you to take your citizenship seriously and express your views on Viet Nam whatever they may be to your representatives and take what other action that your conscience deems necessary. Do not be passive in the time of tragedy, but instead be rational, serious citizens and take your responsibility of citizenship seriously. I do not feel that this country can profit, not indeed should it, by continuing its involvement in an Asian civil war and in the internal events of a smaller country. When the President of the United States and our elected representatives deliberately and purposefully deceive us, it is time for action. Clearly getting out of Viet Nam is only part of the answer; we as the political elite of this generation must strive to change the conditions within the government and

the society which will make future Viet Nams possible. If you fail to act according to the dictates of your conscience or if you choose to remain passive in a time of serious peril, the blood of men such as Lt. Yates will stain your hands and your soul forever.

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### YAF defended

To the Editor:

In your October 27th issue you carried an article under the by-line of one Jane Touzaloni concerning the National Convention of the Young Americans for Freedom.

The article summarizes sections of Norm Pressman's College Press Service column on the convention and the author seems to inject some comments of her own.

First of all, YAF has never, to my knowledge, burned newspaper offices. Jay Parker was not the only Negro at the Convention. In New York State the majority of YAFers are Catholic with Jews making up the second largest group.

YAF has never supported apartheid, and opposition to the 1964 Civil Rights Act does not make one a racist. Many authorities consider sections of the Act to be unconstitutional.

College papers across the country seem to be quite consistent in their disregard for whether a statement is true or false. I hope that in the future your paper will measure up to higher standards.

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# Taylor's goal for December: "to win over Fredericksburg"

by Barbara Halliday

MWC moratorium committee chairman Susi Taylor returned from the November D. C. peace march more enthusiastic than ever about continued campus moratorium activities.

Following the national committee's plan, Susi wants to turn moratorium emphasis in December back to the community. "I am determined to win over Fredericksburg," she says. She hopes to be able to speak at area high schools and to other community groups.

National Moratorium headquarters has declared Dec. 15 and 16 and Christmas Eve as December Moratorium days. Susi wants to have a big rally here on the 15th or the 16th and hopes to see Fredericksburg residents taking an active part.

Susi also wants to begin organizing weekly Moratorium programs. She plans to hold a rally next week for all MWC students who participated in the D. C. march. Susi estimated that there were 100 who went from the campus, and she thinks there

would have been more if warnings of violence hadn't scared a lot of people off."

Susi feels that for her the march was not only a deeply moving experience but a reaffirmation of her beliefs in pacifism. She says, "I wish everyone in the world could have been there so they could understand what really happened, because they're not going to understand by reading the newspapers."

One of the highest points of the weekend for Susi was her participation in the March Against Death. She says the silent walk in the dark gave her a chance to really think about what she was doing there. "When I passed the White House it was almost as if I really became the person whose name I was carrying."

Another moving moment came for Susi during a service Friday evening at the National Cathedral. "An elderly guard had helped us to find seats. While we were singing Pete Seeger's adaptation of 'We Shall Overcome' I turned around and looked at him. There were tears streaming down his face."

Summarizing the entire weekend, Susi says, "We went for peace and we lived in peace with each other. It may turn out to be a new life-style."

## New dorm set for '72

Money from bond appropriations will be spent on a new dorm and an elevator for GW, according to Michael Houston, Assistant to the Chancellor.

At present, soil tests for the best possible site for the new dorm are being conducted, and particular attention is being paid to the areas between Dupont and Goolrick and directly behind Dupont itself. Mr. Houston says the target date for completion of the new building is the summer of 1972. The administration plans for students to occupy the new dorm during the summer session that year. It will be the first

air-conditioned dorm on campus.

The new dorm is being planned to help to alleviate the problem of crowded residential conditions. The new building will be especially beneficial since MWC's lease on Betty Lewis expires in 1972 when the college will discontinue renting this building for student housing.

Work on the elevator for GW is scheduled to begin during the Christmas holidays. The elevator will be located across from the Chancellor's office. The completion date depends on when the elevator itself is delivered.

## AAUP cites salary improvements, higher faculty qualification

by Diane Bignall

MWC faculty salaries, compared to those of other colleges in the nation, have risen in the last four years from below average to average, according to the October, 1969 report on salary data published by the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

Salaries at MWC, however, still fall below those of faculty members at U. Va., although a high percentage of MWC faculty members hold doctorate and master's degrees.

The AAUP report gave MWC a rating of C on an AA to F grading scale for average salaries of

full-time faculty members. This rating shows improvement over the D rating received by MWC in the 1965-66 report.

MWC received an A rating for salaries of instructors and a B rating for salaries of assistant professors, but the rating for associate professors, professors, and lecturers was C.

MWC compared favorably with U. Va. in terms of faculty qualifications. 42.2% of MWC professors hold doctorate degrees; the percentage of U. Va. is 38.7 44.1% of the MWC faculty have master's degrees as compared to 37.2% at U. Va.

The average faculty salary

at MWC for the 1967-68 session was \$9,579. For the same year the average salary at U. Va. was \$12,792. MWC is completely dependent on state funds for salaries; U. Va. obtains 88.5% of its average salary from state funds and the rest from other sources.

The turnover in full time and part time faculty is larger at U. Va. than at MWC. At MWC the average faculty member is 43 years of age and teachers at the college for nine years. Average age for U. Va. faculty is 34 years, and each faculty member teaches there an average of four years.

## Exam schedule

Monday and Tuesday Jan 19, 20	Reading days No classes	
Wednesday, Jan. 21	9:00-noon 2:00-5:00 p.m.	Track 3 Track F
Thursday, Jan. 22	9:00-noon (no examinations in afternoon)	Track B
Friday, Jan. 23	9:00-noon 2:00-5:00	Track 4
Saturday, Jan. 24	9:00-noon (no examinations in afternoon)	Track 6
Monday, Jan. 26	9:00-noon 2:00-5:00	Track 1 Track D
Tuesday, Jan. 27	9:00-noon (no examinations in afternoon)	Track 5
Wednesday, Jan. 28	9:00-noon 2:00-5:00	Track 7 Track E
Thursday, Jan. 29	9:00-noon (no examinations in afternoon)	Track 2
Friday, Jan. 30	9:00-noon 2:00-5:00	Track A Classes not otherwise provided for

## Russian studies endorsed by Curriculum Committee

The faculty Curriculum Committee last week unanimously approved the proposal that Mary Washington College offer an inter-disciplinary program in Russian Studies. Leading to an A.B. degree, this major program would require 36 semester hours, including 12 semester hours of "core" courses and 24 semester hours chosen from elective courses within the major.

The committee felt that a Russian Studies major at MWC is needed, because at present there is no interdepartmental major, such as the American Studies Program, for students interested in the broader aspects of Russian studies. Under the present system, those students who develop an interest in any phase of Russian studies must pursue a totally different major and perhaps touch upon the desired Russian studies only in a related field. Many such students have transferred to another institution. Also, there is as yet no major in Russian language at MWC, even though MWC has a comprehensive four year Russian language program with an enrollment of 40 to 50 students.

The Russian Studies Committee recommended that the inter-disciplinary Russian Studies Program be established at MWC by modifying and coordinating existing course offerings pertinent to such a major within various departments. For instance, the economics-political science, geography, sociology, and dramatic arts departments could modify or enlarge their present offerings in order to contribute more effectively to the Russian Studies Program.

Another committee recommendation is that MWC establish a Russian Studies Seminar as a permanent feature of the Russian Studies Program. Due to MWC's proximity to Washington, D. C., the Russian Studies Committee is confident that recognized scholars and experts in various phases of Russian and Soviet Studies from D. C. could be utilized to advantage. The

Committee proposes that this position be created as a part-time Visiting Professorship in Russian Studies whereby two three - credit - hour seminars would be offered each academic year.

While the Russian Studies Program has not yet been approved by the faculty (they will vote on it at their December meeting), two of its core courses have been approved. These two courses are Russian Literature in English Translation - 19th Century and Russian Literature in English Translation - 20th Century, both to be offered this spring by the modern foreign language department.

## Va. Slavic studies committee formed

The Virginia Committee on Slavic Studies, a new interdisciplinary organization which seeks to provide greater contact among Virginia Slavists from all educational levels, held its foundation meeting here Saturday.

About 100 scholars from state high schools, undergraduate, and graduate schools are expected to attend the meeting.

MWC professor Richard Warner is a co-organizer of the meeting.

The program was devoted to ment of programs in Russian and Slavic languages in secondary and higher education; encouragement of area programs on the undergraduate level; and prospects for the establishment of a summer language institute to serve these coordinating efforts.

The Virginia Committee on Slavic Studies came about as a result of personal communications between Dr. Warner and Dr. Powell Shoup, former Director of the University of Virginia Center for Russian and Communist Studies. Dr. Shoup is currently undertaking studies in Yugoslavia.

### MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE

#### Academic rank of full and part-time faculty

number	percentage
45	28
30	18.6
47	29.2
33	20.5
2	1.2
—	—
4	2.5

#### Highest academic degree held by full and part-time faculty

number	percentage
68	42.2
1	.6
71	44.1
18	11.2
—	—
3	1.9
—	—

Professor	169
Assoc. Prof.	131
Ass't. Prof.	197
Instructor	429
Lecturer	52
Teaching Ass't.	232
Other	36

### UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

number	percentage
169	13.6
131	10.5
197	15.8
429	34.4
52	4.2
232	18.6
36	2.9

number	percentage
482	38.7
57	4.6
464	37.2
224	18.0
1	.1
2	.1
16	1.3

(Figures taken from a State Council of Higher Education for Virginia report for the 1967-68 session.)

# "Support America" theme at local rally

by Lynn Trundle

Fredericksburg residents rallied for America, the flag, and "peace with freedom" Monday night at Maury Field in a "Pro-American Day" demonstration. The program was organized by Louis McGee, a senior at James Monroe High School and drew an estimated 1000 participants.

The crowd, many of whom had painted red, white and blue arm-bands for the occasion, watched as 50 young boys marched onto the field with American flags to the music of the Marine Corps Band from Quantico.

Following a prayer, McGee opened the rally by saying that "many good aspects of Americanism" have been forgotten, and that everyone wants peace, but "peace with freedom." Referring to the flags behind him, McGee said that he did not believe flag-waving was "sissy." He also mentioned that groups of dissenters were a minority and expressed individual opinion, rather than the majority view. "Our country isn't made up of individuals, it's made of people like yourselves," McGee told the crowd.

The crowd, basically quiet and trying to stay warm, became more enthusiastic during the speech of Benjamin Woodbridge, newly elected local representative to the House of Delegates.

Woodbridge emphasized that those at the rally were there to express their "love of country." He expressed his whole-hearted support for President Nixon and urged others to do the same. "Don't let our majority be a silent one," he said. He asked people to write letters to their various representatives to make their feelings known. "A letter to an official is worth ten street demonstrations," declared Woodbridge.

Woodbridge then went on to emphasize that it is necessary to remain within the framework of society in order to change it. "Disagree if you must, but be a responsible dissenter. Offer alternatives," said the representative. Finally Woodbridge declared that one "must speak out for right and truth and justice without being intimidated by those who would criticize society without offering alternatives." The crowd enthusiastically voiced its approval of Mr. Woodbridge's appeal.

Mayor Josiah P. Rowe followed Woodbridge at the podium, saying that he saw no easy solution to end the war. Responding to the claims of many dissenters that this nation was born in protest, he said that this had happened "because they had no elected representatives." Mayor Rowe said that protest was not new: there were protests in Russia against the Czars which resulted in the Communist Revolution, and there were protests in Germany in the 1920's and '30's, and "they got Hitler for an answer."

George Rawlings, incumbent Eighth District's delegate to the House of Delegates put an emphasis on youth in his address to the rally crowd. He stated that Monday's rally was "participation in democracy," and he also declared that "those of us with different persuasions can all take pride in being Americans." Mr. Rawlings praised the young people who had organized the rally, and advised the crowd to "listen to those of dissent. Don't turn

your ear to those who have a different opinion from you—because, someday, somewhere, you may learn something." At this point, a group of ten or twelve college-age students carrying signs of "peace" and "make love not war," stood up and vigorously applauded Mr. Rawlings.

The last speaker, Mrs. Ann Leonard, read a letter composed by some of the student organizers of the rally which seemed to sum up the feelings expressed previously in the program. The letter said that this is a time to support America. The protests against "the American way of life" only create "a condition of pessimistic decay." The letter asked, "Is there a nation that can equal America in the opportunity for advancement . . . ?" These are "times when America is better-fed, better-housed, better-clothed than any other time in history." The letter went on to say that it is not possible to overcome problems with "empty protest."

The concluding sentiments expressed a plea for unity. One of the young speakers stated that the disorders in the country were all against something, rather than for anything. The speaker stated that he was for America and "Mom's apple pie."

Finally, after 60 seconds of silence were observed "to think about America," the National Anthem was sung.

At the close of the rally several of the peace demonstrators passed out anti-war literature and tried to talk to members of the dispersing crowd about Vietnam. Comments such as "You're bored with America," "You all come from wealthy homes and you're sick," and "You need some soap" were flung at the group. The confrontation was quickly broken up by Fredericksburg police.

One man, perhaps remembering Rawlings' plea for open-mindedness, walked up to the group and said, "I'd like to wish you good will in your honest dissent."

## Senate organizes drive for Biafra Hope project

The National, State, and Community Concerns Committee (NSCC) of the Student Senate is currently organizing a three month drive for "Biafra Hope" in concordance with a national drive under the direction of the Biafra Relief Services Foundation.

Biafra Hope will be conducted during the months of November, December, and January. Each month will be devoted to the collection of one item of the three recommended by the Foundation. The month of November will be devoted to the collection of bar soap, and January and February will be devoted to the collection of yarn and eating utensils. More detailed information concerning collection procedures will be published soon. In the meantime, those who are so inclined may begin to collect the articles.

Plans are also being made to hold an on-campus fund raising dinner, the proceeds of which will be sent to the New York Foundation. Details of this project will be published upon completion of the plans.

In addition to the campus drive, NSCC will sponsor a drive in the Fredericksburg community. Canisters for monetary contributions will be distributed to local stores, restaurants, etc. There will be no formal campus canvas conducted for monetary donations, as this facet of the drive will be directed to the Fredericksburg community. However, there will be canisters provided in the dormitory parlors for students who prefer to support the drive with a monetary contribution.

## news in Brief

The Wesley Foundation will sponsor a program for underprivileged children on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 10 to 12 a.m. in Monroe gym.

"To Sir with Love" will be shown Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. in GW auditorium.

The chamber theater will present a reading of "Ubu Roi" by Alfred Jarry on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. in the art library.

The student bill of rights committee will meet on Monday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in ACL 305.

The junior class will meet in ACL ballroom on Nov. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Blood Drive, sponsored by Mortar Board in connection with the Fredericksburg Red Cross, is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Fredericksburg Armory. Rides will leave from the library at 1:30, 3, and 4:30 p.m.

The MWC swim team last its first meet with Madison College on

Thursday, Nov. 6. Carole Pincavage and Cathie Soltesz, team co-captains, took first and second places respectively in diving. Secands were also taken by Becky Raaney, Sue Oliver, and Susie Cahill in their individual events. In the next meet, MWC will take on the Old Dominion University team in Goalrick pool at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 25.

Thanksgiving holidays begin at 2:05 on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Janis Joplin will perform in concert at University Hall in Charlottesville on Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the concert, available from UVa's University Union, cost \$3.00 in advance and \$3.50 at the door.

MWC students are invited to attend "Drop-in", informal talk and guitar sessions held every Friday night at 918 Cornell Street. Students may bring guitars and help provide entertainment.

## Honor and judicial power decentralized

by Liz Vantrease

Both the Honor and Judicial systems have initiated structural changes this year which seem to indicate a decentralization of power.

The Honor Council has provided for the elected position of honor contact within each dorm. The judicial system has allowed for a three-member court in each dorm to be composed of a judicial chairman and two members elected at large. In the past, the court consisted of the judicial chairman, the hall president, and hall vice-president.

The honor contacts, who will deal primarily with stealing, will record all thefts in their dorms and will be able to serve as advisors on procedure and course of action. Though they will have no actual court room power, Honor Council President Kathy Theil feels they will be effective in gaining pertinent information quickly after a theft has been committed. "I think things are more effective if they're handled individually," she said. In the past, all students were expected to call the Honor Council president when things had been stolen. In many cases, people forgot to report the offenses or waited a long time before reporting them and neglected to include all pertinent details.

The newly-elected honor contacts will undergo a training session soon in which they will review the Honor Constitution, the procedure to follow in cases involving stealing, and questions to ask concerning the theft.

Though the position of honor contact was extant last year, it was a post appointed by the hall president. According to Kathy Theil, very few people knew who their dorm contact was, so public elections were advocated this year to increase awareness of the role.

The altered residential judicial committee structure represents a wider distribution of power within the residence halls. The hall president and vice president were eliminated from the

court for two reasons, says Lynn Vandervoort, campus judicial chairman. Both reasons are centered around conflict of interest. Most infractions brought before the dorm committee involve lateness or incorrect signing/flipping out, and in most cases, these infractions are detected by the dorm officers while checking cards at night. If the hall president and vice president sit on the judicial committee, they would be serving as both accuser and judge, says Lynn, which is not in keeping with fair judicial practices.

The other reason for eliminating the president and vice president from the committee is that their other duties demand considerable time and they wouldn't be able to serve effectively in two roles at once.

Replacing these hall officers on the committee, then, will be two other students elected at large who will serve solely for the purpose of hearing cases.

The greatest significance of this change seems to be that the judicial courts are now gaining an identity of their own rather than being merely composites of various other campus officers. It also indicates a general trend toward decentralizing the judicial power on campus and the handling of cases on a more individual level.

Until two years ago, all social infractions on campus were handled by one central committee. When this committee was abolished and smaller dorm committees established last year, the residence halls were given the responsibility of dealing with their own cases.

Infractions of a very serious nature, however, by-pass the residential committee and are sent straight to Joint Council. Many candidates in last spring's judicial election advocated that the residential committees be allowed to hear all cases, both of a serious and a minor nature, thus extending the decentralization of power another giant step. This proposal met with some opposition, however, and no decision on its future has been made as yet.

## Five chosen for Tidewater hockey teams

Five members of the MWC hockey teams were chosen to play on the two Tidewater teams after playing in the All-College Tournament at Westhampton College on November 8.

Mary Jane Chandler and Sara Martin will play left and right inner, respectively, on the Tidewater II Team. Pam Hudson, Sandy Hines, and Andy Hodges are slated to play on Tidewater I. Pam will play left fullback, Sandy right halfback, and Andy right inner. Patty Johnson is going along as a defense substitute.

The Tidewater teams will compete in the Southeast Tournament this weekend at Sweet Briar College. All other member teams of the Southeast United States division will attend, club teams as well as college teams. The purpose of the Tournament is to pick outstanding players who will comprise the four Southeast Regional Teams. The Southeast teams will then play in the National Tournament in Michigan over Thanksgiving. At the Nationals, players are chosen for the US and US Reserve Teams. They are made up of the best players in the country. The National teams compete on the international level with teams from other countries.

Miss Janet Hollack, team coach, is left inner on the Washington Club I team, so she will have a chance to play against some of her students on Saturday.

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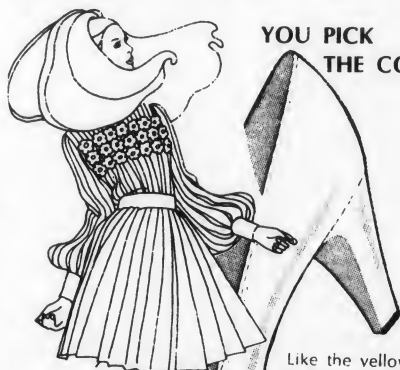
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## Nixon's assurances nothing new

by Jody Reed

If President Nixon's "silent majority" speech sounded just a little redundant, perhaps it's because you've heard it on and off and in a little different form for at least the past eight years. Here are some earlier versions of the "Nixon Plan":

"We have stopped losing the war."—Sec. of Defense Robert McNamara, October, 1965.

"(The War) is turning an important corner."—Sec. of State Rusk, March 8, 1963.

"The United States still hopes to withdraw its troops from South Vietnam by the end of 1965."—Sec. of Defense McNamara, Feb. 19, 1964.

"... We are enlightened with our progress... we are generally pleased... we are very sure we are on the right track."—President Lyndon Johnson, July 13, 1967.

"... We have never been in a better relative position."—Gen. William Westmoreland, April 10, 1968.

"Victory... is just months away... I can safely say the end of the war is in sight."—General Paul D. Harkins, Commander of Military Assistance Command in Vietnam, October 31, 1963.

"We are not about to send American boys nine or ten thousand miles from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves."—Pres. Johnson, October 21, 1964.

"The Communists now realize they never can conquer free Vietnam."—Gen. J. W. O'Daniel, military aide to Vietnam, January 8, 1961.

"We've certainly turned the corner (in Vietnam)."—Sec. of Defense Melvin Laird, July 15, 1969.

"I fully expect (only) six more months of hard fighting."—General Navarre, French Commander in Chief, January 2, 1954.

"We're on a course that is going to end this war."—Pres. Richard Nixon, September 28, 1969.

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(from FEEDBACK, page 3)

## Students deplore Seacobeck rush

Dear Editor,  
This letter concerns the present situation in the dining hall. For the past three years, we have been rushed through our dinner and out of the dining hall at progressively earlier hours. The handbook states that dinner is served until 6:00 p.m. every night, and we feel that ten minutes is no sufficient time to complete the main meal of the day. At no time this year have we remained after 6:51 p.m. Yet on several occasions we have been rudely "evicted" as early as 6:05, despite the fact that we had obviously not finished.

We realize that the dining facilities are presently inadequate and overcrowded; however, there is no shortage of tables at 6:00, when the waitresses begin clearing our dishes. We are also aware of the fact that the waitresses are pressured by the hostesses to get plates scraped and tables cleared as quickly as possible. "Stop buckets" on the table certainly are not conducive to a pleasant meal, and it is not necessary to begin disposing of table scraps in front of people who are still eating.

Preferential treatment is obvious on Thursday nights, when students invite professors to the evening meal. Girls seated with professors are neither coerced to hasten their eating, nor asked if they are done with their plates. Why is it necessary to endlessly pester students who are paying to eat in the dining hall?

We feel that a simple solution to this problem is to allow students one-half hour from the time the line closes in which to eat their meal in peace. Hostesses and waitresses are not paid to badger students until the

girls feel compelled to leave. It is unfair that the paid employees of the dining hall are in a position to leave their jobs early at the expense of the students, who are herded in and out of Seacobeck like cattle.  
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By ED OCHS

**SOUL SLICES:** Top 10, pop, the dream destination of soul disks too heavy to hold down on the soul charts, has become harder to reach these days as the stagnancy of soul music coupled with the rapid changeability of pop has left soul by the wayside. The *Fifth Dimension*, black and soulful, are not even listed among Billboard's top soul singles, though their "Wedding Bell Blues" is the No. 1 pop record. Keeping soul from being shut out from the pop top 10 is the *Temptations'* waning hit, "I Can't Get Next to You," and *R. B. Greaves'* "Take a Letter Maria," so reminiscent of the smooth *Sam Cooke* style. Yet only a few months ago, and during the past few years, soul was king and the top 10 belonged to Motown, *Aretha Franklin* and *Jerry Butler*. Today, even the white soul imitators are giving way to Hollywood rock, the simplicity of rock 'n' roll and its teeny bopper counterpart, studio-made bubblegum music. The name change from r&b to soul has not changed the music which refuses to see the spul artist beyond a herky-jerky puppet who apes the black man's impotence prior to the dignification of black pride. The top 10 pop hit has suddenly become unobtainable

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# Van Doren exalts love in poetry

by Cathy Dover

Those who were present to hear Mark Van Doren reading his poetry Tuesday evening in GW auditorium were treated to a delightful and warm experience, both in terms of the poems and Mr. Van Doren himself.

Van Doren, noted poet and literary critic and winner of the Pulitzer prize, read from his book, *A Hundred Poems Selected by the Author* and from his new volume of poetry which was published this summer.

The theme of the readings was love, which Mr. Van Doren said "covers all of life in as far as life is real." He quoted from

Emily Dickinson, "That love is all we know is all we know of love." He said that all the rest of life is centered around that idea and asked the audience to keep it in mind both when he was reading his poems and discussing and placing them.

The first poem that he read was "Oh World," which described the world in an infinite number of things in which the individual is constantly searching for unity. He expressed the idea that perhaps the world only exists for the individual at the moment of his existing. He then suggested the idea that every person spends his time searching for a sense of intimacy with the whole world and

that the person who has never expressed these feelings of being at one with the whole of existence has never been fully alive.

The next two poems dealt with the theme of God and his place in the universe. In "The God of Galaxies," he discussed a world which is becoming so complex that to feel an intrinsic part of it is becoming increasingly difficult—a world of universes, stars, and galaxies. "Is there a god over all these worlds?" In his third poem, "He Loves Me," Van Doren talked about the difficulty of understanding love when it must be stretched over so much space and the love that God must have for us. He asked people to remember

what a tremendous discovery it is to feel that you are loved, that someone can love you even with all your faults, and what an amazing thing it is that a God can exist who loves all equally.

The rest of Van Doren's poems were devoted to a more general discussion of different aspects of love. He read "Only For Me," in which he described the love that he had for a girl when he was twelve years old. He spoke about how infinitely important the love of children can be and how detrimental if that love goes unrecognized as *la Romeo and Juliet*. In "Family Prime" Van Doren talked about the idea of peak experiences, in this case,

the happiest time that he had ever had with his family.

In "The Sign in the Sky," he discussed his native New England valley and how most of the people in the valley married people that they had known all their lives. The poem "Unresponsive" dealt with a man who couldn't say I love you, and "The Bitterest Things," was a work about the ultimate failure of a human relationship which dies because of a person's inability to love. The last three poems that Mr. Van Doren read were "Never Leave Me," "Where Were You?" and "Dunce Song," thus ending a thoroughly enjoyable hour of quiet poetry and comfortable feelings.



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